

House Study Bill 103

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa commission on volunteer service.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15H.1 FINDINGS.
1 2 The general assembly finds:
1 3 1. There is a compelling need for more civic participation
1 4 to solve community and state problems, and to address many of
1 5 the country's unmet social, environmental, educational, and
1 6 public safety needs.
1 7 2. Promoting the capability of Iowa's people, communities,
1 8 and enterprises to work collaboratively is vital to the long=
1 9 term prosperity of this state.
1 10 3. Building and encouraging community services and
1 11 volunteerism is an integral part of the state's future well=
1 12 being, and requires cooperative efforts by the public and
1 13 private sectors.
1 14 4. The development of a volunteer service program in Iowa
1 15 requires an administrative vehicle which conforms with federal
1 16 guidelines detailed in the federal National and Community
1 17 Service Trust Act of 1993.
1 18 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15H.2 IOWA COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEER
1 19 SERVICE ESTABLISHED.
1 20 1. The governor shall establish the Iowa commission on
1 21 volunteer service which shall be part of the governor's
1 22 office. The governor shall appoint the commission's members.
1 23 2. The mission of the department is to advise and assist
1 24 in the development and implementation of a comprehensive,
1 25 statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen
1 26 participation in Iowa, as well as to serve as the state's
1 27 liaison to national and state organizations which support the
1 28 commission's mission.
1 29 3. The commission shall do all of the following:
1 30 a. Prepare a three-year national service plan as called
1 31 for under the federal National and Community Service Trust Act
1 32 of 1993.
1 33 b. Fulfill federal program administration requirements,
1 34 including provision of health care and child care for program
1 35 participants.
2 1 c. Submit annual state applications for federal funding of
2 2 commission-selected AmeriCorps programs.
2 3 d. Integrate AmeriCorps programs, the corporation for
2 4 national and community service program, and the older American
2 5 volunteer program into the state strategic service plan.
2 6 e. Conduct local outreach to develop a comprehensive and
2 7 inclusive state service plan and coordinate with existing
2 8 programs in order to prevent unnecessary competition for
2 9 private sources of funding.
2 10 f. Provide technical assistance to service programs,
2 11 including the development of training methods and curriculum
2 12 materials.
2 13 g. Develop a statewide recruitment and placement system
2 14 for individuals interested in community service opportunities.
2 15 h. Prepare quarterly reports on progress for submission to
2 16 the governor and the general assembly.
2 17 i. Administer the retired and senior volunteer program.
2 18 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 15H.3 VOLUNTEER SERVICE COMMISSION
2 19 MEMBERSHIP.

2 20 1. The Iowa commission on volunteer service shall consist
2 21 of the following members:
2 22 a. An individual with expertise in the educational
2 23 training and developmental needs of youth.
2 24 b. An individual with experience in promoting the
2 25 involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism.
2 26 c. A representative of community-based agencies within the
2 27 state.
2 28 d. The director of the department of education, or the
2 29 director's designee.
2 30 e. The executive secretary of the state board of regents,
2 31 or the executive secretary's designee.
2 32 f. A representative of local government.
2 33 g. A representative of a local labor organization.
2 34 h. A representative of a for-profit business.
2 35 i. An individual between the ages of sixteen and twenty=
3 1 five who is or has been a participant or supervisor in a
3 2 volunteer or service program.
3 3 j. A representative of the corporation for national and
3 4 community service who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio
3 5 member.
3 6 2. No more than twenty-five percent of the commission
3 7 members shall be employees of the state, though additional
3 8 state agency representatives may sit on the commission as
3 9 nonvoting, ex officio members.
3 10 3. A commission member shall not vote on issues affecting
3 11 organizations for which the member has served as a staff
3 12 person or as a volunteer at any time during the preceding
3 13 twelve-month period.
3 14 4. The membership of the commission shall comply with
3 15 sections 69.16 and 69.16A. The membership of the commission
3 16 shall also reflect the diversity of the state's population.
3 17 5. Members shall serve staggered terms of three years
3 18 beginning and ending as provided by section 69.19. Members of
3 19 the commission shall serve no more than two three-year terms.
3 20 Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original
3 21 appointment.
3 22 6. The chairperson of the commission shall be selected by
3 23 the governor and serve at the governor's discretion.
3 24 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 15H.4 ADMINISTRATION == FUNDING.

3 25 1. The governor's office shall serve as the lead agency
3 26 for administration of the commission. The department of
3 27 education, the state board of regents, the department of
3 28 workforce development, and the department of economic
3 29 development shall provide additional administrative support as
3 30 necessary to fulfill the duties of the commission. All other
3 31 state agencies shall provide assistance to the commission to
3 32 ensure a fully coordinated state effort for promoting national
3 33 and community service.

3 34 2. The commission may accept funds and in-kind services
3 35 from other state, federal, and private entities.
4 1 Sec. 5. Section 231.23A, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
4 2 amended by striking the subsection.
4 3 Sec. 6. Section 231.55, Code 2005, is repealed.

4 4 EXPLANATION

4 5 This bill relates to the retired and senior volunteer
4 6 program.

4 7 The bill deletes the establishment of financial support for
4 8 the retired and senior volunteer program from the duties of
4 9 the department of elder affairs and codifies executive order
4 10 numbers 48 and 64 by Governor Branstad to establish the Iowa
4 11 commission on volunteer services, the duties of which include
4 12 the administration of the retired and senior volunteer
4 13 program.

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